

93
By the King.

A Proclamation prohibiting the Importation of Allome, and the Buying, or Spending thereof in any His Maiesties Dominions.



A M E S by the grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas by two severall Proclamations heretofore by Us published, the one in the seventh yeere, and the other in the twelfth yeere of Our Reigne, for sundry causes therein expresse; wee signified our expresse pleasure, and straightly inhibited, as well the Importation, as the expence of any forreine Allome within any our Realmes or

Dominions; thereby charging and commanding all persons whatsoever, as well Our naturall borne Subjects, as Denizens or Strangers, That none of them should at any time then after attempt or presume to bring, or cause to be brought into these Our Realmes of England, Scotland, or Ireland, or into any other Our Dominions, or into any the Ports, Hauens, Creekes, or places of any of them, any Allome in greater or lesser quantities, made or to be made in any forreine part or place whatsoever, or any Allome made here within this Kingdome, after that the same had bene once exported; vpon paine of forfeiture of all and euery quantitie and quantities of Allomes, so brought, or caused to be brought into Our said Realmes or Dominions, contrary to Our Commandement signified in that behalfe, and also vpon paine of Our indignation and displeasure, and of such further paines, penalties, and punishments, as are therein moze at large expresse.

And whereas by a late Commission awarded by Our Commandement, to diuers persons to enquire & examine vpon Oth, or otherwise, in sundry of the Northerne parts, & places of this Our Realm, of the due obseruation & performance of the Premises, it was manifestly proued, & certified by the returne of the said Commission, That Our Royal Will & pleasure so often published in that behalfe, hath not bene accordingly obeyed and obserued; but that through the negligence and conniueance of some officers, and others in the severall Ports and Creekes of this Kingdome, there is as great a Commerce, and Intercourse maintained between the Importers of forreine Allome, and sundrie Tradersmen, the Buyers and Spenders of Allome, as if the same had not at all been by Us inhibited, and restrained. Wee therefore being sensible of the neglect of Our said former Proclamations published in this behalfe, haue thought good to reuise, and renew the same: And doe hereby signifie and declare, vnto all and euery Our louing Subjects, and others, Our expresse Will and pleasure to bee; That Our said former Proclamations, and euery Clause, Inhibition, and Prohibition, or any other thing therein contained, shall bee from hencefoorth duely obserued and obeyed, vpon paine of Our high displeasure, and to incurre such further penalties and punishments, as wee, or Our Prīue Councell, or our Treasurer of England for the time being, shall thinke fit to impose vpon all and euery the offenders and delinquents in that behalfe. And further wee will, That the Buyers, and Traders in Allomes so imported, or to bee imported, as aforesaid, shall incurre and sustaine the like penalties, punishments and forfeitures, as the Importers of the same are, or ought to incurre by vertue or tenour of Our sayde former Proclamations. And that all such Searchers, and Officers in all and euery Our Ports,

53330
58

by whose meanes, continuencie, or negligence, such Allome, as aforesayd, is or shall be suffered, or caused to bee landed, sold or spent within our said Realmes or Dominions, after due pzoofe shall be thereof had, made and certified by Commissioners appointed or to be appointed in that behalfe, or otherwise shall be left to the discretion of Our high Treasurer of England for the time being, to be by him punished, by the losse of his or their office or place, or by imprisonment, or otherwise, for such his or their negligence or offence in the premisses.

And whereas by the disbursements and expence of sundry great summes of money, by Us heretofore made in and about the said Allome workes in this Our Realme, the same are now brought to such perfection, as that they doe annually yeeld, not onely a sufficient quantity of Allome, for the necessary vse and seruice of Our own Realmes and Dominions, but also a surpluse of good quantitie to be transported into forreine parts for supplie of their wants: We minding the maintenance of Our said Allome workes, and intending to pzoouide for the same; Doe therefore straitly charge and commaund, That no forreine Allome, nor any English Allome, that shall bee once transported, and afterwards returned from forreigne parts, shall be bought, solde, vttered, or spent within any Our Realmes or Dominions, other then such English Allome, as heretofore hath beene, or hereafter shall be made by our Agents, Deputies, or Factors at Our owne Allome workes; and which hath not beene already transported and returned, as is before forbidden. And Wee doe hereby straitly charge, and commaund all and singuler person, and persons, as well Our naturall borne Subiects, as Denizens or Strangers, Merchants, Marriners, Artificers, and others; That none of them, nor any other person whatsoever doe attempt heereafter to importe, buy, sell, or vent, or cause to bee imported, bought, sold, or vented, any such forreigne, or English Allome, as is before mentioned or forbidden to be imported, or solde, as aforesaid, vpon paine of forfeiture of all such Allome, to be seized to Our vse; And for want of such seizure, to forfeit the value of all such Allome, as shall be so imported, or come to their or any of their hands, or possession, or bought, solde, spent, or vented by them or any of them, and vpon such further penalties, and punishments, as Wee, or Our Prīue Counsell, or Our Treasurer for the time being shall thinke fit to inflict vpon euery such offendor. And for the better finding out and discouery of the said offendors; Wee are well pleased, and doe hereby require and commaund, That Our Treasurer, Chancelor, and Barons of Our Exchequer for the time being, shal and may awarde such, and so many Commissions, as they shall thinke meete to be directed to discreete and fit persons in all, or any Our Ports, or elsewhere, to inquire of and examine vpon oath, or otherwise all such persons, as are or shall be suspected to haue heeretofore offended, or which heereafter shall offend against this or our former Proclamations in this behalfe, or any other person or persons whatsoever for the better finding out, and discouerie of the said offences, and offendors, as is before mentioned. To the ende that as well the Importers of all such Allome, as the Buyers, Sellers, Spenders, and Receiuers thereof may receiue such condigne punishment, by fine or otherwise for their offences, as by Our said Treasurer of England for the time being, or by Our Court of Exchequer shall be thought fit. And in case such Allome shall not or cannot be taken or found to be seized; That then euery such offender shal forfeite and pay to the hands of Our Agent, or Agents in London in this behalfe, the full value of such Allome, as the said offendors heeretofore haue or heereafter shall haue imported, bought, solde, vented, or receiued, as aforesaid: And Our further Will, and pleasure is, and Wee doe heereby declare, that whatsoever Our said Treasurer, or Our said Agent, or Agents haue already done, or shal do heereafter against any offendor or offendors in requiring, and taking the forfeiture of any Allome, or the value thereof so imported, or vttered, as aforesaid, or in the mitigating and taking any lesse some then the value of the same of any such of

sender in the Premises, or otherwise, according to þ good discretio of Our said Treasurer, Agent, or Agents, We do, & wil from time to time approue & allow of by these presents, And this signification of our pleasure, shalbe aswel vnto our said Treasurer, Agent, & Agents for the time being, as vnto all & euery such Commissioner, & Commissioners, as haue heretofore been, or hereafter shal be imployed in or about this Our seruice, a sufficient warrant, and discharge in that behalfe, without any account to be by them, or any of the, respectiuey yeelded to Us, Our Heires, or Successors, and without incurring any penaltie in the doing and executing this Our seruice, and Royal Commandement. And forasmuch as heretofore diuers great quantities of Allome haue bene imported into this Realme, vnder the name and names of sundry poore Mariners and others, which are not able to pay the value thereof, nor giue satisfaction for the same; Our will and pleasure is, the better to auoid such frauds, and deceits in the time to come, That in whatsoever Ship or Vessel any such Allome in greater or lesser quantitie shall be found, or discovered to be so imported, and to be shifted away, that seizure thereof cannot be made; That then such Partners, or others, who shall so import, or colour the said Allomes, shall not onely be punished as aforesayd, but that euery Master, or Owner of such Ship or Vessel, wherein such Allome shall be so imported and shifted away, as aforesaid, shal forfeit to Us the value of the same Allome: And that such Ship or Ships shall bee arrested, and stayed by the officers of euery Porte respectiue-ly, vntill the said forfeiture be duely answered, and payde to the hands of Our sayd Agent or Agents, or such others as they shall appoint in that behalfe. And for the better execution of the premises, Wee doe straitly charge, and command all Iustices of Peace, Maiors, Shiriffes, Constables, Headboroughs, Tithingmen, and all other Our Officers and Ministers, aswell of Our Admiraltie, as otherwise, and all other Our louing Subiects, to whom it shall, or may appertaine, That they and euery of them at all time and times hereafter, and from time to time be ayding, and assisting to Our said Agent, and Agents, and to such our Commissioners, as shall bee from time to time appointed, for or about this Our seruice; And also to bee from time to time ayding and assisting to all our Customers, Collectors, Searchers, waiters, and to all such other person and persons, as shall be authorized by Our said Agent, or Agents, for the searching, seizing, taking, and carrying away of all such Allome imported, or hereafter to bee imported, contrary to this Our Royal Prohibition and Commandement: And if any person or persons shalbe found priuily, or secretly to oppose, or animate any others to contradict, or withstand them, in the due execution of this Our seruice and Royal Commandement; That then wee doe by these presents straitly charge and command, all and euery Our said Officers respectiuey, That euery such person or persons, shal be apprehended & brought before Our Treasurer for the time being, to receiue such order and condigne punishment, as shall be thought meete to be inflicted vpon him or them for the same.

Giuen at Our Palace of Westminster the sixteenth of March, in the fifteenth yeere of Our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the one and fifty.

God saue the King.

¶ Imprinted at London by Bonham Norton
and Iohn Bill, Deputies and Assignes of Robert Barker, Printer to the
Kings most Excellent Maiestie. ANNO M.DC.XVII.